

DURGAN TRAVEL
COSTA DEL SOL & MADRID ITINERARY
APRIL 11– APRIL 19, 2019

Day 1: Thursday, April 11th ~ Depart in the evening from Logan International Airport for your overnight flight to Malaga, Spain (via Munich) to arrive on April 12th.

Day 2: Friday, April 12th ~ Malaga - Torremolinos
Upon arrival at the airport in Malaga, we will meet our Tour Escort and transfer to Torremolinos on the Costa del Sol. We will check into the hotel, which is adjacent to the beach and close to the local shopping center. The remainder of the day is at leisure until our orientation and welcome dinner at 8:30. (Dinner)

Your accommodations from 4/12 to 4/17:

Hotel Cervantes

C/ Las Mercedes, s/n

Torremolinos (Malaga)

+34 952 384 033

www.blueseahotels.com

Amenities include: Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, a/c, indoor & outdoor swimming pool

Day 3: Saturday, April 13th ~ Ronda

Breakfast at our hotel. Then, we will depart at 8:00 on a full-day excursion to Ronda, which is situated on a rocky precipice in the Ronda Mountains. Here, kings and nobles have sought out the peacefulness of the mountains and incredible views of the river. We continue with a visit to the Church of St. Maria la Mayor, the Ronda Bullring (oldest in Spain and home of modern bullfighting), and the Don Bosco House. At 1:00, we'll stop for lunch at the Restaurant Abades in Ronda. Return to Torremolinos for some leisure time. Dinner is on our own tonight. (Breakfast and lunch)

Day 4: Sunday, April 14th ~ Granada

After breakfast, we will take a full-day trip to Granada, the center of splendour in Spain. Here, in the capital of Spain's last Moorish Kingdom, we will visit the Water Gardens of the Generalife (the Royal Summer Palace) and the Royal Chapel. Today, we'll have lunch in Granada at the Restaurant Las Estrellas de San Nicolàs. After lunch, we will visit the most outstanding architecture example of the period, the Alhambra, the fortress of the 13th century ruler, Al-Ahmar. Return to Torremolinos and dinner is on our own tonight. (Breakfast and lunch)

Day 5: Monday, April 15th ~ Gibraltar

After breakfast, we'll depart for Gibraltar to enjoy a sightseeing tour of this famous rock fortress and hear more about its turbulent history. The main points of interest on Gibraltar include the Upper Galleries, the Moorish Castle, St. Michael's Caves, and of course, the colony of Barbary Apes. Lunch is included on Gibraltar at The Waterfront Restaurant before making our way back to Torremolinos. Dinner is on our own. (Breakfast and lunch)

Day 6: Tuesday, April 16th ~ Seville

After breakfast, we'll depart from our hotel at 8:00 for a full-day tour to the Andalusian capital of Seville! We will begin with a visit to the Reales Alcazares (originally built by the Moors in 1181 and modified in the Mudejar-style after the Castillian conquest), and the Barrio de Santa Cruz (a labyrinth of alleys, shops and balconied houses with a distinctive charm). Lunch in Seville is at Meson Restaurante El Cabildo. After lunch, we'll visit the Cathedral (the largest cathedral in Spain, and resting place of Christopher Columbus), before returning to Torremolinos. Dinner is on our own. (Breakfast and lunch)

Day 7: Wednesday, April 17th ~ Torremolinos - Madrid

After breakfast and hotel check-out, we are off to the capital of Spain, Madrid! On our way, we will head north through the beautiful Andalusian countryside to the central Spanish plain and Toledo. Before our tour, we'll have lunch at the Restaurant La Fabrica de Harinas. Then, we'll visit the Cathedral (famous for its Gothic architecture, Mudejar decoration and 750 stained-glass windows), Santo Tome (a 14th century Mudejar-style church), and the Synagogue de Santa Maria (Spain's oldest synagogue). After our tour, we will continue onto Madrid for hotel check-in. Dinner is on our own. (Breakfast and lunch)

Your accommodations from 4/17 to 4/19:

Hotel Miguel Angel

C/ Miguel Angel, 29-31

Madrid, Spain

+39 91 442 00 22

www.hotelmiguelangel.com/en/

Amenities include: Hairdryer, a/c, safe

Day 8: Thursday, April 18th ~ Madrid

Breakfast is at our hotel. In the morning we will take a morning panoramic sightseeing tour of Madrid. The most prominent stop on our tour will be at the Prado Museum (booked for 10:00 am). It houses one of the most complete and valuable collections of paintings in the world including masterpieces by Velazquez, Raphael, Titian, Van Dyck, Rubens, Goya, Murillo, El Greco, and many others. Lunch is on our own and the remainder of the day is at leisure for some last-minute shopping, independent sightseeing or relaxing. Tonight, at the hotel, we will have a Farewell Dinner & Sangria Party at 8:30 pm. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 9: Friday, April 19th ~ Madrid - Boston

After breakfast and hotel check-out, paying any incidentals you may have occurred, we will transfer to the Madrid Airport for our return flight to Boston (via Frankfurt). (Breakfast)

PLEASE NOTE: SCHEDULING IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE